

(1) Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, hereafter in this section referred to as the "Little Rock Nine", voluntarily subjected themselves to the bitter stringing pains of racial bigotry;

(2) the Little Rock Nine are civil rights pioneers whose selfless acts considerably advanced the civil rights debate in this country;

(3) the Little Rock Nine risked their lives to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and subsequently the Nation;

(4) the Little Rock Nine sacrificed their innocence to protect the American principle that we are all "one nation, under God, indivisible";

(5) the Little Rock Nine have indelibly left their mark on the history of this Nation; and

(6) the Little Rock Nine have continued to work toward equality for all Americans.

(b) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to present, on half of Congress, to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to the "Little Rock Nine", gold medals of appropriate design, in recognition of the selfless heroism that such individuals exhibited and the pain they suffered in the cause of civil rights by integrating Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

(c) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (b) the Secretary of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary for each recipient.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Effective October 1, 1997, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(e) DUPLICATE MEDALS—

(1) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medals struck pursuant to this section under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The appropriation used to carry out this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of sales under paragraph (1).

SEC. 5. COMMEMORATIVE COINS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(7)(D) of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-329, 110 Stat. 4009) is amended to read as follows:

"(D) MINTING AND ISSUANCE OF COINS.—The Secretary—

"(i) may not mint coins under this paragraph after July 1, 1998; and

"(ii) may not issue coins minted under this paragraph after December 31, 1998.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall be construed to have the same effective date as section 101 of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996.

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to,

the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3647) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 3506), as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 25. I further ask that when the Senate reconvenes on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be waived, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved and the Senate then resume consideration of the FAA reauthorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCAIN. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. and immediately resume consideration of the FAA reauthorization bill. There will be 20 minutes for closing remarks, followed by a rollcall vote on passage of the FAA reauthorization bill. Therefore, the first rollcall vote of Friday's session will occur at approximately 9:50 a.m. Following that vote, the Senate may consider any legislative or executive items cleared for action.

As a reminder to all Members, a cloture motion was filed today to the vacancies bill and therefore Members have until 1 p.m. on Friday to file first-degree amendments. The cloture vote has been scheduled to occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28.

Mr. President, I would like to yield to the Senator from Kentucky if he would have any comments before I make a closing remark.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I will have a few additional remarks tomorrow. I made a speech one night and read it, and going home that evening Mrs. Ford said, "Did you ever think about just speaking from notes and off the cuff? It seems more sincere." So the next time we went out, I made this speech from just three or four notes, and I thought I did very well. We were going home,

and I said, "Well, how did I do tonight?" There was a hesitation, and she said, "I believe I'd go back to reading." And so I will be off the cuff tomorrow, with probably some prepared remarks. As you all know, this is probably the last piece of aviation legislation I will have any input into as a Senator.

I appreciate all the cooperation and good humor that has been displayed as we have moved along the way. I have been impressed by the staff that Senator MCCAIN has assembled to assist him. I have been amazed at the staff that we have, and how they work together and ultimately get it done. One of the things we worried about was having all the amendments maybe worked out before we got on the floor. And that came close.

But I remember something that Senator ROBERT BYRD told me a long time ago: If you cannot get an agreement, start, and it will create a vacuum. So I think that is exactly what has occurred here, along with the hard work on both sides of the aisle. It has been a good ride, and I look forward to the vote in the morning at 9:50, and then I will make some comments after that.

I am grateful to my colleague for his patience with me. We look forward to several more weeks of working together and accomplishing many things that he and I want to do. We are going to try. Whether we accomplish those things or not, only time will tell. But if there is anything in trying to get it done, Senator MCCAIN and I will accomplish our end purpose.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. I will have some more remarks tomorrow about my dear friend from Kentucky, because I would like to have more of my colleagues hear them. But hearing him speak in his own unique and frankly straightforward and candid fashion reminds me of all the years now, 12, that he and I have been working together. Perhaps that is not a long time in some areas of life, but it certainly is a long time when you consider the long, long list of issues concerning aviation that he and I have addressed together and the fact that I freely acknowledge, with great pride, that he has taught me an enormous amount, not only about aviation issues but how to achieve legislative results.

I will have more to say about that tomorrow. But as it is kind of quiet here in the Senate tonight, it makes one a bit nostalgic at this late hour.

Mr. FORD. Maybe it is the best time to say it.

Mr. MCCAIN. So I will stop before becoming maudlin.